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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF WEBSTER MUTAMBA

1. WESBTER MUTAMBA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ANC BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA CALLED AT EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 2 AND WAS MET BY SECOND SECRETARIES. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF UN SCHOLARSHIP WHICH MUTAMBA EXPECTING. FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE ELICITED FROM MUTAMBA:

2. OVER 50 ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS ARE IN MAPUTO FOR A MEETING TO RESOLVE LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS. AMONG THE PRINCIPLE LEADERS ARE MUZOREWA, SITHOLE, CHIKEREMA, AND MUGABE. NKOMO IS NOT YET HERE BUT A LARGE DELEGATION OF HIS FACTION IS PRESENT, LED BY T.G. M. SILUNDIKA AND JASON Z. MOYO.

3. MUTUMBA KNEW NOTHING OF ANY MESSAGE FROM SITHOLE TO USG (MAPUTO 990). NEITHER DID THE BISHOP.

4. THE ZIMBABWE LEADERS WERE ADDRESSED BY MACMEL SEPTEMBER 1. IT WAS A MOVING SPEECH CALLING FOR
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UNITY. THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES ARE CLOSED EXCEPT

FOR MOZAMBIQUE "REFEREES."

5. MUTAMBA CLAIMED THAT THE "THIRD FORCE" WAS FINISHED AND EVEN ITS PATRONS-ESPECIALLY MACHEL-HAD COME TO REALIZE THIS. NO "THIRD FORCE" LEADER WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS.

6 A SPECIAL ZAMBICAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTED 23 OF THE ZIMBABWEANS TO MAPUTO FOR THE MEETING, INCLUDING MUZOREWA.

7 MORE ZIMBABWE LEADERS ARE STILL EXPECTED, INCLUDING ANC MUZOREWA INTERNAL LEADER ELLIOT GABELLAH.

8. THE MEETING MAY LAST SEVERAL WEEKS WHILE ALL POINTS OF VIEW ARE DISCUSSED AND ISSUES RESOLVED. MUTAMBA INDICATED THAT THE MUZOREWA FACTION WAS CONFIDENT OF DOMINATING THE MEETING. HE CLAIMED THAT "EVERYONE'S" PATIENCE WITH THE NKOMO PEOPLE HAD WORN OUT. AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED WOULD BE WHO WOULD HAVE WHAT POSITION IN AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT.

9. MUTAMBA DECLINED TO COMMENT ON MUGABE'S PRESENCE, OR THE RELATIONSHIP OF HIS ANC FACTION TO THE STILL EXTANT ZANU LEADERSHIP.

10. HE PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF ANY EFFORT TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF JOSIAH TONGOGARA OR OTHER ZANU LEADERS IN JAIL IN LUSAKA FOR THE CHITEPO MURDER.

11. MUTAMBA REITERATED BISHOP MUZOREWA'S CHARGE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES WERE HOLDING ANC LEADER EDSON SITHOLE AND AT LEAST THREE OTHER ANC OFFICIALS ON ROBBER ISLAND. HE SAID ANC HAD "IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE" TO BACK UP THIS CHARGE, BUT DECLINED TO SAY WHAT IT WAS.
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